

SPRUCE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 7th Regular Meeting of the Spruce Mountain School District Board of Directors
For 2014-15 will be held

Thursday, October 23, 2014 6:30 p.m. at Cedar Street Learning Center

6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

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Present: Darcie Calden, Tammy Frost, Diane Gould, Jackie Knight, Tim Madden, Amy McDaniel, Michael Morrell, Shari Ouellette, Bert Poisson, Denise Rodzen, Michael Schaedler and Cindy Young.

Absent: Tamara Hoke

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Denise Rodzen, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. **ATTENDANCE**

12 Members Present

1 Member Excused Absent (Tamara Hoke)

4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

October 9, 2014 – Board meeting minutes

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Tim Madden to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 Board meeting as presented.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0

Abstain

1 Absent (Tamara Hoke)

6. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Resignation of Siobhan Murtiff as an Education Technician I at Livermore Falls Elementary School effective October 20, 2014.

Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Tim Madden to approve the resignation of Siobhan Murtiff as an Education Technician I at Livermore Falls Elementary School effective October 20, 2014.

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 0

Abstain

1 Absent (Tamara Hoke)

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

8. **BOARD COMMENTS –**

Board Member Cynthia Young asked if a group could be formed to look into fundraising for building and ground needs such as bleachers, tennis courts, etc.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent attended the 41st Annual MSMA Fall Conference at the Augusta Civic Center on October 22 and 23 and will attend the final session tomorrow October 24.

The Spruce Mountain High School PBE extension request was submitted by the deadline and received a confirmation of receipt from DOE. Superintendent Healey attended the Foster Career and Technical Education Center Superintendent Advisory Committee on

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October 20, 2014. He also attended the Livermore Board of Selectpersons Meeting on October 20, 2014 and plans on attending the Jay Town Meeting on October 27. School enrollment is as follows: Livermore Falls Elementary School 400; Jay Elementary School 350; Spruce Mountain Middle School 366 and Spruce Mountain High School 453 for a total enrollment of 1569.

The Superintendent presented his thoughts on Spruce Mountain School District building use.

Livermore Falls High School - use should be slowly reduced this school year. Once Adult Education has moved to the Central Office there, in my opinion, will no longer be an educational use for the building. We should reduce electricity, heating, water and sewage. Although some limited use could be arranged. Basically the building should be locked up and winterized to avoid infrastructure damage to the facility. The building should be offered to the taxpayers of Livermore Falls to take over for the town's exclusive use. If Livermore Falls does not take ownership of the Livermore Falls High School, then the school district would put the building on the market in an attempt to sell the property. Any proceeds from a sale would be reinvested in the school district. Livermore Falls Middle School – the building should be offered to the taxpayers of Livermore Falls to take over for the town's exclusive use. If Livermore Falls does not take ownership of the Livermore Falls Middle School, then the school district would put the building on the market in an attempt to sell the property. Any proceeds from a sale would be reinvested into the school district.

Jay Elementary School – we should start exploring construction or renovation options for the aging facility.

Spruce Mountain High School – we should explore replacing the school's elevator with a modern fully compliant one that allows modern motorized wheelchairs to maneuver inside the elevator.

Spruce Mountain Middle School – good for now.

Livermore Elementary School – good for now.

10. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1 Transportation and Grounds – Ken Vining

Ken mentioned the need to look ahead at the JES building and its needs, mainly the boiler (before the old boiler quits) and a new roof. Also, there are leaks in the old Livermore Falls Middle School roof. Three rooms at Central Office are ready for Adult Education. One room is being used as a classroom, one room is an office and testing area and one room is vacant. The ITV room will be ready Friday whenever they want to have that set up. The new propane boiler is up and running at the middle school, there are just some electrical adjustments being performed. Both new busses are at O'Conner's being prepared for delivery, hopefully sometime next week.

12.2 Technology – Craig Suttie

We have completed the HISet testing lab for Adult Ed. We have also completed building their network complete with wireless access – and we used available

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equipment, so there was no cost, except for the new PC's which were purchased with Adult Ed grant money. The next phase is for the State of complete the ITV move December 20th. A plan was put in place to deploy the older MS and HS laptops to the elementary schools and with the completion of the electrical additions, we are nearly done deploying them. Hopefully next week sometime they will be ready for use. I attended a two day technology conference in Augusta last week, highlights were the google classroom session, google is getting into the grading and learning management market and although google classroom is ready it is recommended to wait until next fall to use it. Also, I sat in on a cloud management solutions sessions for our devices and servers. Since we have been using a free and robust system for a year now, I thought it would be interesting to sit in on these 2 sessions to gauge what we know, should know, and if we have been doing it right.

12.3 Special Services – Tina Collins

The Federal IDEA local entitlement grant was developed and submitted in September and has been approved by the MDOE. The Federal IDEA year/end report is due at the end of October. Working collaboratively with Stacie on final numbers for expenditures to September 30th, and will submit the final report next week. The October 1 enrollment for special education has been completed and submitted. Enrollment was 216, placing overall identification rate at about 14%. Update on General Supervision Process: RSU 73 began the DOE program review process last year, which continues into this school year. The DOE reviewers were quite complimentary when they were on site. Any areas that did not meet 100% compliance are targeted for correction. In June, we were informed that we had 6 out of 43 areas that were not at 100%. We have been providing professional development on those areas and targeting corrections. Evidence of those training's and corrections will be submitted to the DOE by November 30th.

Jackie Knight left at 7:05 pm.

13. POLICY

14. OLD BUSINESS

14.1 Substitute Pay

Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Michael Morrell to approve increases in substitute pay for the following positions as follows: substitute teachers non-degree \$60.00/day; two years + of college \$70.00/day; Bachelor's degree \$80.00/day. Food service worker substitute pay \$10/hr; bus driver substitute pay \$14.00/hr; and custodian pay \$12.00/hr.

**Vote: 9 Yes 2 No (Michael Schaedler and
Cindy Young)**

2 Absent (Tamara Hoke and Jackie Knight)

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. APPOINTMENTS

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- 16.1 Executive Session to discuss personnel appointments in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 pm.
Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0
Abstain
2 Absent (Tamara Hoke and Jackie Knight)
Return from Executive Session at 7:38 pm.
- 16.2 Superintendent nominates Kristen Ouellette to the position of Special Services Educational Technician I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Michael Morrell and seconded by Shari Ouellette to approve the nomination of Kristen Ouellette to the position of Special Services Educational Technician I for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0
Abstain
2 Absent (Tamara Hoke and Jackie Knight)
- 16.3 Superintendent nominates Dianne Fenlason to the position of SMMS Band Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Darcie Calden and seconded by Diane Gould to approve the nomination of Dianne Fenlason to the position of SMMS Band Director for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0
Abstain
2 Absent (Tamara Hoke and Jackie Knight)
- 16.4 Superintendent nominates Connor Hasson to the position of SMHS JV Girls Basketball Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Motion by Shari Ouellette and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the nomination of Connor Hasson to the position of SMHS JV Girls Basketball Coach for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.
Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0
Abstain
2 Absent (Tamara Hoke and Jackie Knight)
- 16.5 Superintendent nominates Brad Bishop to the position of SMMS Intramural Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

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Motion by Bert Poisson and seconded by Amy McDaniel to approve the nomination of Brad Bishop to the position of SMMS Intramural Advisor for the 2014/2015 school year, contingent on proper certification and MDOE fingerprint status.

Vote: 11 Yes 0 No 0
Abstain
2 Absent (Tamara Hoke and Jackie Knight)

17 OTHER BUSINESS

18. CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: The next regular meeting will be on:

November 13, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting – 6:00 PM Cedar Street Learning Center

19. ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Mike Morrell and seconded by Darcie Calden to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Vote: 11 Yes No
Abstain

2 Absent (Tamara Hoke, Jackie Knight)

Any individual who needs special accommodations to enter the building or assistance to attend this public meeting, must contact the Superintendent's Office at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting (A.D.A.)

Respectfully submitted:



Kenneth J. Healey
Superintendent of Schools